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1. REGRET LACK OF RESPONSE TO REF (B) REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF IRANIAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING INVOLVEMENT BY AGENTS IN SALES TO GOI. WE HAVE PURSUED THIS MATTER ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH GOI OFFICIALS WITHOUT SUCCESS. ACCORDING TO WELL-INFORMED LOCAL ATTORNEYS WHO ARE HEAVILY ENGAGED IN THESE MATTERS, THERE ARE NO IRANIAN LAWS OR REGULATIONS RELATING SPECIFICALLY TO AGENT FEE QUESTIONS. AFFIDAVIT WHICH COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN WHEN ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH GOI WAS ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER'S ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR TO ALL GOI MINISTRIES. NO REGULATIONS ACCOMPANIED AFFIDAVIT. WE WERE TOLD SIX WEEKS AGO BY PLAN ORGANIZATION OFFICIAL THAT NEW FORM WOULD BE PREPARED FOR U.S. FIRMS BUT HAVE RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED.

2. LOCAL ATTORNEY HAS PREPARED SUMMARY OF IRANIAN LAWS RELATING TO BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION. AT OUR REQUEST HE WILL PROVIDE US WITH A COPY AND WE WILL POUCH SAME TO L/PM.

3. IRANIAN POSITION ON AGENTS FEES IS CLEARLY MORE A MATTER OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLICY THAN LAW AND REGULATION. EARLIEST GOI STATEMENT ON THIS

MATTER IN OUR FILES IS CARMISH/MAAG MESSAGE 231331Z APR 1973. WE
ARE POUCHING COPIES TO NEA/IRN AND L/PM.
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